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October 30, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

35 October 30, 2012

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADMIRALTY WAY STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF MARINA DEL REY
ADOPT THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, ADOPT THE MITIGATION MONITORING
AND REPORTING PROGRAM, AND APPROVE THE PROJECT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action will adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration, adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Admiralty Way Street Improvement project, and approve the project authorizing the Department of Public Works to proceed with the preconstruction phase of the project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Admiralty Way Street Improvement project, together with any comments received during the public review period; find, on the basis of the whole record before the Board, that there is no substantial evidence the project will have a significant effect on the environment; find that the Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the Board; and adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration.
2. Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the project finding the program is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures.
3. Approve the project and authorize the Department of Public Works to proceed with the preconstruction phase of the project, including design plans and right of way acquisition.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the project is to repave and reconstruct the roadway and medians on Admiralty Way and portions of Via Marina, Bali Way, and Mindanao Way. Approval of the recommended actions will adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) that can be accessed at the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works' web page at: <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/go/link/AdmiraltyWayStreet> and fulfill the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). This action will facilitate the reconstruction of these road segments to maintain the effectiveness of the existing roadway system and enhance safety and mobility for pedestrians and motorists.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total project cost is estimated to be \$7,052,000. The necessary funds required to finance the design were included in the Fourth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Proposition C Local Return Fund and Road Fund Budgets. The required amount to finance the remaining design work and construction costs is included in the Fourth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Proposition C Local Return Fund and Road Fund Budgets.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

An environmental impact analysis/documentation is a CEQA requirement that is to be used in evaluating the environmental effects of this project and should be considered in the approval of this project. As the project administrator, we are also the lead agency in terms of meeting CEQA requirements. The Initial Study of Environmental Factors indicated that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment with the incorporation of mitigation measures. Therefore, in accordance with the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by the Board on November 17, 1987, an MND was prepared and circulated for public review.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

An Initial Study was prepared for this project in compliance with CEQA. The Initial Study identified two potential significant effects on the project: aesthetics and biological resources. Prior to the release of the proposed MND and Initial Study for public review, it was determined that to avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur, the following would occur:

Aesthetics: Eighty-three California Native trees (24 inch box) will be replanted in the medians of Admiralty Way to replace the 78 trees removed as part of this project.

Biological Resources: Preconstruction bird surveys and mitigation measures shall be employed to reduce impacts to potential nesting birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

Public notice was published in the Argonaut on August 2, 2012, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21092 and posted at the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk pursuant to Section 21092.3. A copy of the draft MND was sent to Marina del Rey Library for public review and also posted online on the Department of Beaches and Harbors web page at: <http://beaches.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dbh>. Electronic notices were sent to residents in the vicinity of the project. A few comments were received electronically. Electronic responses to those comments are included in the final MND.

The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of the proceedings upon which the Board's decision is based in this matter is Public Works, Programs Development Division, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 11th Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803. The custodian of such documents and materials is Mr. Edward Dingman.

The project is not exempt from payment of a fee to the California Department of Fish and Game pursuant to Section 711.4 of the Fish and Game Code to defray the costs of fish and wildlife protection and management incurred by the California Department of Fish and Game. Upon the Board's adoption of the MND, Public Works will file a Notice of Determination in accordance with Section 21152(a) of the California Public Resources Code and pay the required filing and processing fees with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in the amount of \$2,176.50.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The project construction schedule will be coordinated with other construction projects in the Marina del Rey area to minimize impacts on current services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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c: Department of Beaches and Harbors
Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office